

Eden Township
REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(with required supplementary information)
Year ended March 31, 2008

Eden Township

List of Elected Officials

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Supervisor: | Victor Baker |
| Clerk: | Joanne Barnhardt |
| Treasurer: | Clare Reeds |
| Trustee: | Roger Nash |
| Trustee: | Randy Salmon |

Eden Township

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

August 1, 2008

Township Board
Eden Township
Custer, Michigan

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Eden Township, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, which collectively comprise Eden Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Eden Township's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Eden Township, as of March 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 9 and 24, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Lake Michigan CPA Services, PLLC
Ludington, Michigan

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Using this Annual Report

As management of Eden Township, we offer readers of Eden Township's financial statements, this narrative overview and analysis of financial activities for the year ended March 31, 2008. The Township is presenting this analysis along with the financial statements in a format prescribed by the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). The annual report consists of a series of financial statements, including the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, which provide information about the activities of the Township as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Township's finances. Fund financial statements are also included, which tell how these services were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements.

Financial Highlights

The Township's governmental activities showed an improvement over the prior year, as the Township's revenues exceeded expenses by \$10,959 in the government-wide financial statements. This was an improvement over the 2007 fiscal year, which reflected an increase in net assets of \$3,162. Prior year expenses included parking lot improvements.

The Township's General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$10,452, due mainly to a decreased spending on general government operations and capital outlays.

The Pleiness Lake Special Assessment Fund increased by \$1,097 due to special assessments in excess of lake expenditures.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the Township's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include 1) the government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. The Township also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to give a view of the entity as a whole. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Township's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities and charges.

The Statement of Net Assets is the Township-wide statement of financial position presenting information that includes all of the Township's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Over time, changes in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of the financial health of the Township and whether the financial condition is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities reports how the Township's net assets changed during the current fiscal year. All current year revenues and expenses are included when the event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of when cash is received or paid. The Statement of Activities is designed to help show the financial reliance of the Township's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the Township's taxpayers and intergovernmental revenues.

Fund Financial Statements.

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Township uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, the fund financial statements focus on the Township's most significant funds, rather than the Township as whole. Major funds are separately reported while all others are combined into an aggregated presentation. Eden Township has two governmental funds, but has no business-type funds. The Township's major funds are the General Fund and the Pleiness Lake Special Assessment Fund.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Township has two types of funds as noted below:

Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different with fund statements providing a distinctive view of the Township's governmental funds. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources during the year and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Governmental funds are useful in evaluating annual financial requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

The government-wide financial statements focus on the long-term view, while the fund statements focus on a shorter view. Therefore, comparisons of the two may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances include a reconciliation to the government-wide statements to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

A budgetary comparison for the General Fund is found at the end of this report. This schedule demonstrates compliance with the Township's adopted and final revised budget.

Fiduciary funds are reported in the fiduciary fund financial statements, but are excluded from the government-wide financial reporting, as they are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties other than the Township. Fiduciary fund financial statements report resources that are not available to fund Township programs. Fiduciary fund financial statements report similarly to proprietary funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes begin immediately following the basic financial statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Net assets of the Township may be used as an indicator of a government's overall financial position. As of March 31, 2008, the Township's net assets from governmental activities totaled \$291,511, which was an increase over the net assets of \$280,552 at March 31, 2007.

Net assets of the Township include net assets which are invested in capital assets (i.e., buildings, land, equipment, etc.). These assets are used to provide services to the Township's residents, and they are not available to pay salaries, operational expenses or fund capital projects. Net assets invested in capital assets totaled \$35,544 at March 31, 2008. The Township did not have any debt outstanding at March 31, 2008 or 2007. The unrestricted net assets for governmental-type activities at March 31, 2008 depicted a fund balance of \$255,967. The unrestricted fund balance represents the amount of discretionary resources that can be used for general governmental operations.

The following table presents a summary of the government-wide statement of net assets:

Summary of Net Assets
March 31, 2008 and 2007

| | March 31, 2008 | March 31, 2007 | Increase/ (Decrease) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Current assets | \$ 256,864 | \$ 244,418 | \$ 12,446 |
| Noncurrent assets | 35,544 | 36,134 | (590) |
| Total Assets | <u>292,408</u> | <u>280,552</u> | <u>11,856</u> |
| Liabilities | \$ 897 | \$ - | \$ 897 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| Invested in Capital Assets | 35,544 | 36,134 | (590) |
| Unrestricted | 255,967 | 244,418 | 11,549 |
| Total Net Assets | <u>291,511</u> | <u>280,552</u> | <u>10,959</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | <u>\$ 292,408</u> | <u>\$ 280,552</u> | <u>\$ 11,856</u> |

Eden Township

Mason County, Michigan

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The change in governmental activities' net assets showed an increase of \$10,959 during the fiscal year. Operating revenues of \$18,310 and general revenues of \$63,690 combined exceeded expenses of \$71,041.

The following table summarizes the governmental statement of activities for the years ended March 31, 2008 and 2007:

| Summary of the Statement of Activities For the Years Ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Revenues | 3/31/08 | 3/31/07 |
| Program Revenues | | |
| Charges for Services | \$ 917 | \$ 600 |
| Operating Grants and Contributions | 17,393 | 17,237 |
| General Revenues | | |
| Property Taxes | 24,834 | 24,315 |
| Grants and Contributions not restricted | 37,948 | 37,867 |
| Unrestricted Investment Earnings | 908 | 994 |
| Miscellaneous | - | 1,867 |
| Total Revenue | 82,000 | 82,880 |
| Expenses | | |
| General Government | 39,369 | 57,466 |
| Public Safety | 1,992 | 2,358 |
| Public Works | 29,680 | 19,894 |
| Total Expenses | 71,041 | 79,718 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | 10,959 | 3,162 |
| Net Assets, April 1, 2007 and 2006 | 280,552 | 277,390 |
| Net Assets, March 31, 2008 and 2007 | \$ 291,511 | \$ 280,552 |

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Fund Financial Analysis

As noted above, governmental funds are reported in the fund statements with a short-term, inflow and outflow of spendable resources focus. This information is useful in assessing resources available at the end of the year in comparison with upcoming requirements. Eden has two governmental funds, the General Fund and the Pleiness Lake Special Assessment Fund. Both are major funds for the 2008 fiscal year.

The General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$191,464, all of which is unreserved and unrestricted for continuing Township service requirements. The fund balance of the General Fund rose \$10,452 over the prior year. This was due to an increase in revenue and a decline in spending.

In the Pleiness Lake Fund, the total fund balance of \$64,503 is reserved for continuing lake improvements. During fiscal year 2008, this fund balance increased by \$1,097. This was the due to spending which was below the special assessments collected.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The originally adopted General Fund budget for the March 31, 2008 fiscal year showed planned revenue of \$59,400 and expenditures of \$82,100. The excess of expenditures over revenues was to be covered by the Township's fund balance. The total revenue and expenditure budget did not change from the original budget to the final amended budget. However there were small changes within several line items, including moving \$1,000 from townhall to assessor expense and \$1,000 from the clerk function to the treasurer line item.

Capital Assets

The Township's total investment in capital assets as of March 31, 2008 was \$35,544. The investment in capital assets includes land, land improvements, buildings, equipment and software. Current year capital asset additions included the purchase of tax receipting software costing \$1,795.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Long-term debt

Eden Township had no outstanding debt at March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007.

General Economic Overview

Eden Township plans to maintain its financial stability over the course of the next fiscal year. The two main sources of revenue for the Township are property taxes and state shared revenue, both of which are expected to remain at about the same level or slightly below what was experienced in the current fiscal year. Expenditures are planned to remain consistent with the 2008 fiscal year.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Eden Township's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Eden Township, 5055 S. Eden Lake Road, Custer, Michigan 49405-8724 or (231) 757-4003.

Eden Township
Statement of Net Assets
March 31, 2008

ASSETS

| | Governmental activities |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | |
| Cash and investments | \$ 246,721 |
| Receivables | 3,742 |
| Due from other governmental units | 6,401 |
| Total current assets | <u>256,864</u> |
| NONCURRENT ASSETS | |
| Capital assets, net | |
| Nondepreciable | 3,500 |
| Depreciable | 32,044 |
| Total noncurrent assets | <u>35,544</u> |
| Total assets | <u><u>\$ 292,408</u></u> |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| NET ASSETS | \$ |
| Accounts payable | 897 |
| NET ASSETS | |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 35,544 |
| Unrestricted | <u>255,967</u> |
| Total net assets | <u><u>\$ 291,511</u></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

| | | | | | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets |
|--|---------------|----|-----------------|---------------|--|
| | | | Program Revenue | | |
| Functions/Programs | | | Charges | Operating | |
| | Expenses | | for services | grants and | Governmental |
| Governmental activities: | | | | contributions | activities |
| General government | \$ 39,369 | \$ | 917 | \$ - | \$ (38,452) |
| Public safety | 1,992 | | - | - | (1,992) |
| Public works | 29,680 | | - | 17,393 | (12,287) |
| Total governmental activities | <u>71,041</u> | | <u>917</u> | <u>17,393</u> | (52,731) |
| | | | | | |
| General revenues | | | | | |
| Property taxes, levied for general purposes | | | | | 24,834 |
| Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs | | | | | 37,948 |
| Unrestricted investment earnings | | | | | 908 |
| Total general revenues and special items | | | | | <u>63,690</u> |
| | | | | | |
| Change in net assets | | | | | 10,959 |
| | | | | | |
| Net assets at April 1, 2007 | | | | | <u>280,552</u> |
| Net assets at March 31, 2008 | | | | | <u>\$ 291,511</u> |

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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
March 31, 2008

ASSETS

| | General Fund | Pleiness Lake Special Assessment Fund | Total Governmental Funds |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and investments | \$ 183,492 | \$ 63,229 | \$ 246,721 |
| Accounts receivable | | | |
| Taxes | 2,468 | - | 2,468 |
| Special assessments | - | 1,274 | 1,274 |
| Due from other governmental units | 6,401 | - | 6,401 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 192,361</u> | <u>\$ 64,503</u> | <u>\$ 256,864</u> |

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

LIABILITIES

| | | | |
|------------------|--------|------|--------|
| Accounts payable | \$ 897 | \$ - | \$ 897 |
|------------------|--------|------|--------|

FUND BALANCES

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Reserved for: | | | |
| Lake improvements | - | 64,503 | 64,503 |
| Unreserved | 191,464 | - | 191,464 |
| Total fund balances | <u>191,464</u> | <u>64,503</u> | <u>255,967</u> |
| Total liabilities and fund balances | <u>\$ 192,361</u> | <u>\$ 64,503</u> | <u>\$ 256,864</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Eden Township
Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Assets
March 31, 2008

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Total fund balance—governmental funds | \$ 255,967 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of
Net Assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not
financial resources and therefore are not reported in the
governmental funds.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Cost of capital assets | \$ 56,274 | |
| Accumulated depreciation | <u>(20,730)</u> | 35,544 |

| | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Net assets of governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets | \$ <u><u>291,511</u></u> |
|--|--------------------------|

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Eden Township

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

For the year ended March 31, 2008

| | General Fund | Pleiness Lake Special Assessment Fund | Total governmental funds |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 24,834 | \$ - | \$ 24,834 |
| Intergovernmental revenues - state | 40,215 | - | 40,215 |
| Charges for services | 917 | - | 917 |
| Special assessments | - | 15,127 | 15,127 |
| Investment earnings | 908 | - | 908 |
| Total revenues | <u>66,874</u> | <u>15,127</u> | <u>82,001</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Current: | | | |
| General government | 36,985 | - | 36,985 |
| Public safety | 1,992 | - | 1,992 |
| Public works | 15,650 | 14,030 | 29,680 |
| Capital outlay | 1,795 | - | 1,795 |
| Total expenditures | <u>56,422</u> | <u>14,030</u> | <u>70,452</u> |
| Net change in fund balances | 10,452 | 1,097 | 11,549 |
| Fund balance at April 1, 2007 | <u>181,012</u> | <u>63,406</u> | <u>244,418</u> |
| Fund balance at March 31, 2008 | <u>\$ 191,464</u> | <u>\$ 64,503</u> | <u>\$ 255,967</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Eden Township

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of the governmental funds to the Statement of Activities

For the year ended March 31, 2008

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds | \$ 11,549 |
|---|-----------|

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Depreciation expense | (2,385) |
| Capital outlay | 1,795 |

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Change in net assets of governmental activities | \$ <u>10,959</u> |
|---|------------------|

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Eden Township
Notes to the Financial Statements
March 31, 2008

I. Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies of Eden Township have been adopted to conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by Eden Township.

A. Reporting entity

Eden Township is a general law township located in Mason County, which operates under the direction of a five member elected township board. Under the criteria established by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Township has determined that there are no component units which should be included in its reporting entity.

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The Township has no proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are

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recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property and other taxes, licenses and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The accounts of the Township are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

Eden Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Pleiness Lake Special Assessment Fund accounts for the activities of the Pleiness Lake Improvement Board, which uses special assessment revenues to maintain and clean the lake.

Additionally, the township reports the following fund type:

The tax collection agency fund accounts for all of the tax collection payments and disbursements to Eden Township and other governmental units. As of March 31, 2008, the tax collection agency fund balance was \$0.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Government

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Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The Township has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Township's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as needed.

D. Assets, liabilities and net assets or equity

1. Deposits and investments

The township's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

The Township has adopted an investment policy in compliance with State of Michigan statutes. Those statutes authorize the Township to invest in obligations of the United States, certificates of deposit, prime commercial paper, securities guaranteed by United States agencies, United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances, state-approved investment pools and certain mutual funds. All investments are reported at fair value.

2. Receivables and payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds".

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of allowance for uncollectibles. The Township bills and collects its own property taxes and also collects taxes for the county, school and State of Michigan. Property taxes are levied on December 1 on the taxable valuation of real and personal property (as defined by state statutes) located in the Township as of the preceding December 31. Uncollectible real property taxes as of the

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Notes to the Financial Statements
March 31, 2008

following March 1 are turned over by the Township to the County for collection. The delinquent personal property taxes remain the responsibility of the Township. The Township recognizes all available revenue from the current tax levy. Available means collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period (60 days).

The 2007 state taxable value for property within the Township totaled approximately \$23,309,638. The property tax levied consisted of .7971 mills for the Township's operating purposes and the tax revenue is recorded in the Township's General Fund.

3. Capital assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Property, plant and equipment of the Township are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

| <u>Assets</u> | <u>Years</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Buildings and improvements | 25-50 |
| Equipment | 5 |
| Computer equipment and software | 5 |

4. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

5. Use of Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Eden Township
Notes to the Financial Statements
March 31, 2008

II. Stewardship, compliance and accountability

A. Budgetary information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the General Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

The township supervisor prepares the budget and submits it to the Township Board prior to March 31. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. A public hearing is held at the Township Hall to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to the end of the fiscal year, the Township Board enacts the budget through a resolution. The budget is amended throughout the year, when required to provide for additional revenues and expenditures. The appropriated budget is prepared by fund and function. Transfers of appropriations between functions require the approval of the Township Board. The legal level of budgetary control is the function level. The Township Board made a few insignificant budgetary appropriations throughout the year.

The Township is required to adopt budgets for all special revenue funds. However, the Township did not adopt a budget for the Pleiness Lake Special Assessment Fund.

B. Excess of expenditures over appropriations

For the year ended March 31, 2008, capital outlay expenditures exceeded appropriations in the General Fund by \$1,795, due to the fact that capital outlays were not budgeted for separately from functional expenses. This overexpenditure was funded by greater than anticipated revenues and expenditures below budget in other functional expense categories.

III. Detailed notes on all funds

A. Deposits and investments

As of March 31, 2008, the township had the following investments:

| <u>Investment Type</u> | <u>Fair Value</u> | <u>Weighted Average Maturity (Months)</u> | <u>Moody's</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| Negotiable certificates of deposit | \$87,592 | 24 | Not rated | 100% |

Interest Rate Risk

The Township does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note III A – Deposits and Investments – Continued

Credit Risk

State law limits investments in commercial paper and corporate bonds to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs). The Township's investment policy does not further limit its investment options.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Township Board places no limit on the amount that the Township may invest in any single issuer.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits and Investments

Custodial credit risk in the case of deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned to it. State law does not require, and the Township does not have, a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of March 31, 2008, \$100,000 of the Township's governmental funds' deposits were covered by federal depository insurance, and \$146,721 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Foreign currency risk

The Township is not authorized to invest in securities which have this type of risk.

B. Receivables

The Township's receivables in the governmental funds consisted of a balance due of \$3,742 from Mason County for delinquent property taxes and special assessments collected by the County on behalf of the township. The Township's due from other governmental units consisted of a State of Michigan shared revenue payment of \$6,401.

Eden Township
Notes to the Financial Statements
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2. *Contingent liabilities*

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability to the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Township expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

E. Economic dependency

The Township relies on the State of Michigan Shared Revenue program to fund a portion of its current governmental operations. For the year ended March 31, 2008, the state shared revenue was approximately 49% of total governmental revenue.

Required supplementary information

Eden Township
Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the year ended March 31, 2008

| | Budgeted Amounts | | | Variance with final budget- |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| | Original | Final | Actual | positive (negative) |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 20,900 | \$ 20,900 | \$ 24,834 | \$ 3,934 |
| Intergovernmental revenues - state | 36,000 | 36,000 | 40,215 | 4,215 |
| Charges for services | 1,000 | 1,000 | 917 | (83) |
| Investment earnings | 1,500 | 1,500 | 908 | (592) |
| Total revenues | 59,400 | 59,400 | 66,874 | 7,474 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| General government | | | | |
| Township board | 10,000 | 10,000 | 7,474 | 2,526 |
| Supervisor | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,500 | 100 |
| Elections | 1,500 | 1,500 | 990 | 510 |
| Clerk | 8,000 | 7,000 | 5,086 | 1,914 |
| Treasurer | 4,250 | 5,250 | 4,855 | 395 |
| Assessor | 9,000 | 10,000 | 8,942 | 1,058 |
| Townhall | 10,200 | 9,000 | 2,683 | 6,317 |
| Board of review | 500 | 500 | 351 | 149 |
| Cemetery | 1,800 | 2,000 | 2,104 | (104) |
| Other general government | - | - | - | - |
| Public safety | | | | |
| Fire | 5,000 | 5,000 | 1,992 | 3,008 |
| Public works | | | | |
| Drain | 2,000 | 2,000 | 303 | 1,697 |
| Roads | 25,000 | 25,000 | 15,347 | 9,653 |
| Capital outlay | - | - | 1,795 | (1,795) |
| Contingency | 250 | 250 | - | 250 |
| Total expenditures | 82,100 | 82,100 | 56,422 | 25,678 |
| Net change in fund balance | \$ (22,700) | \$ (22,700) | 10,452 | \$ (18,204) |
| Fund balance at April 1, 2007 | | | 181,012 | |
| Fund balance at March 31, 2008 | | | \$ 191,464 | |



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August 1, 2008

Township Board
Eden Township
Custer, Michigan

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Eden Township for the year ended March 31, 2008, and have issued my report thereon dated August 1, 2008. Professional standards require that I provide you with the following information related to my audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in my engagement letter dated April 23, 2008, my responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. My audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

I performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on July 12, 2008.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Eden Township are described in Note I to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the 2008 fiscal year. I noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

I encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. I am pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

I have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated August 1, 2008.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To my knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

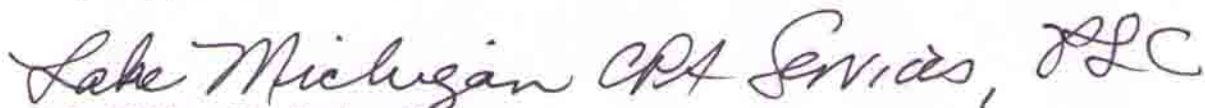
I generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to my retention.

Comments and Recommendations

During my testing of expenditures, I noted that the Township does not receive cancelled checks or check images from the bank along with the monthly bank statements. The Accounting Procedures Manual for Local Units of Government in Michigan stipulates that "cancelled checks must be made available to the local unit (record retention requirement)." I recommend that Eden Township request check images with each bank statement and retain the images with the rest of the financial records of the Township.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Township Board and management of Eden Township and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,


Lake Michigan CPA Services, PLLC